# Finalizing the IACC Strategic Plan for ASD Research
# Next Steps and Options

Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Meeting
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# Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research

## Introduction

As a federal advisory committee established by the Combating Autism Act of 2006, the IACC is mandated to develop and annually update a strategic plan for the conduct of, and support for, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) research, including proposed budgetary requirements.

## Overview of the Strategic Plan Development Process:

At its inaugural meeting in November 2007, the IACC approved a process for developing the initial version of the Strategic Plan for ASD Research. The process will result in a strategic plan based on a set of research objectives and opportunities. The IACC will monitor the implementation of the strategic plan over the next several years and update the plan annually. To help facilitate and accomplish the strategic planning steps, the IACC formed workgroups and convened scientific workshops. The strategic planning process incorporates several opportunities for public input and stakeholder participation.

## Steps in the Development Process:

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| Nov 2007 | IACC Approved Strategic Planning Process |
| Dec 2007 | Strategic Planning (SP) Workgroup Formed |
| Dec 2007 - Jan 2008 | Request for Information (RFI) Solicited Public Input on ASD Research Priorities |
| Jan 2008 | Four Scientific Workshops Convened |
| Feb 2008 | First SP Workgroup Meeting Held |
| March 2008 | IACC Reviewed and Modified SP Process |
| April 2008 | Second SP Workgroup Meeting Held |
| May 2008 | Town Hall Meeting Held |
| June 2008 | Short and Long Term Objectives and Research Opportunities Developed |

### News

- HHS Secretary Leavitt Announces Members of the New IACC

### Related Links

- Federal Agencies Represented on the IACC
- Events
- IACC Member Roster (PDF file, 2 pages)
- IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research
- Congressional Appropriations Committee Report on the State of Autism Research and Autism Research Matrix (PDF file, 31 pages)
- Autism Summit Conference Summary (PDF file, 9 pages)
- Expert Working Group on Services Report to the IACC Services Subcommittee (PDF file, 17 pages)
- HHS Reports to Congress on Autism Activities
- Autism Activities at the NIH
- Health Information on Autism Spectrum Disorders
- IACC Autism Research Matrix Evaluation Report (PDF file, 45 pages)

Website: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/recurring-meetings/iacc/interagency-autism-coordinating-committee-iacc-strategic-plan-for-autism-spectrum-disorder-research.shtml

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# Next Steps

- Public Comment on Draft Plan
- Implementation Workgroup Formation
- Charge to Implementation Workgroup
- Timeline for IACC Review and Final Approval

# Public Comment on Draft Plan By September 2008

## OPTIONS:

- Issue Request for Information (RFI)

- Town Hall Meetings

- Webinars

- Focus Groups
  - Input summarized and posted on IACC website
  - Incorporate themes and clarifications in revised draft

# Implementation Workgroup

- Form an IACC workgroup to make recommendations about implementing the Strategic Plan

- Include members representing research funding organizations and individual(s) with an ASD

- Convene during public comment period

# Implementation Workgroup
## Draft Charge

For the objectives in the Strategic Plan, the workgroup shall define:

- Budgetary requirements

- Accountability:

  – Responsible organizations/partnerships

  – Milestones for progress

  – Timeframes

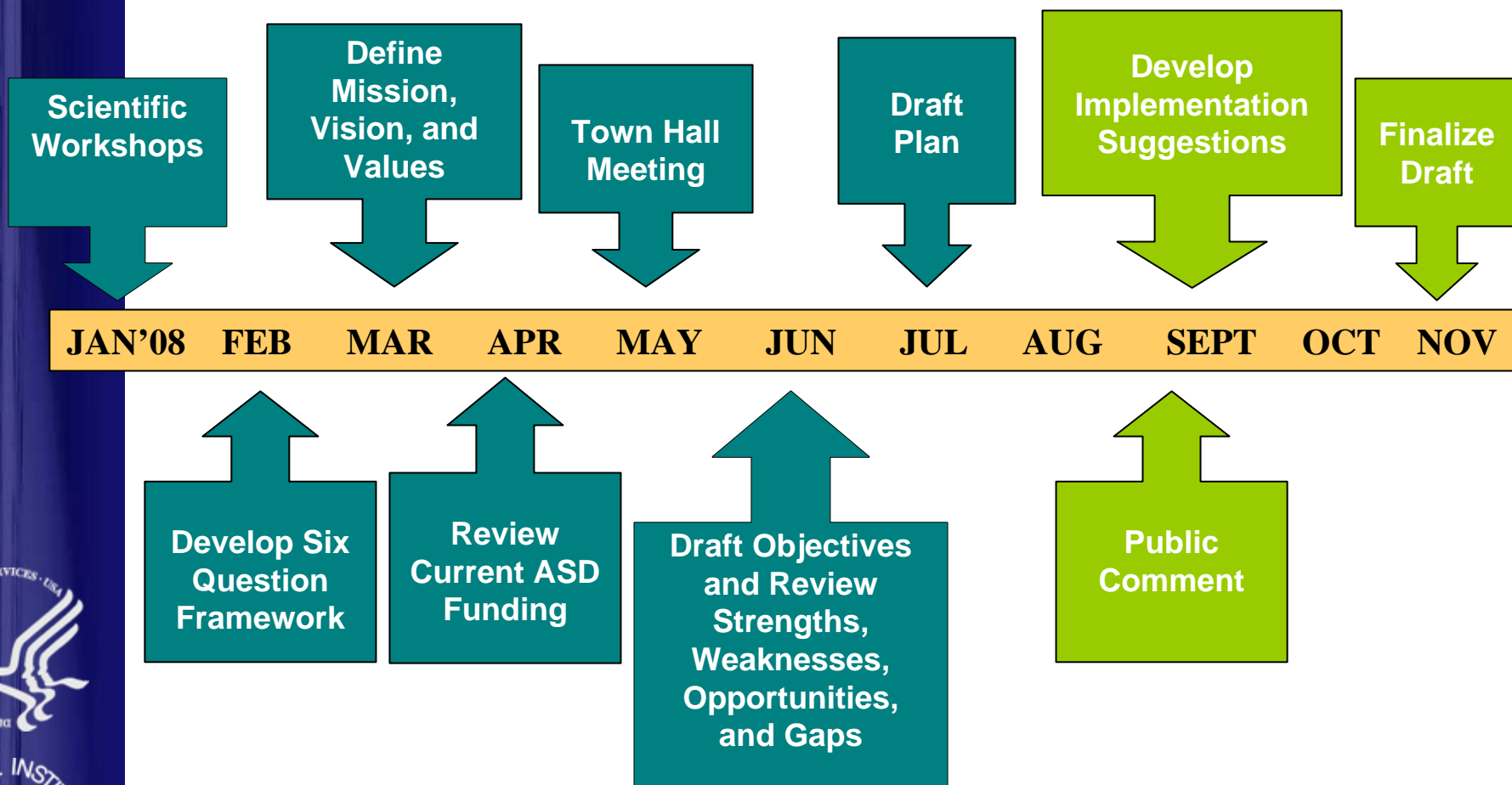- Funding tools (e.g., grant, contract) and methods of peer review

Meeting Format

# Organizations to Consider

- NIH
- CDC
- Autism Speaks
- Department of Defense
- The Simons Foundation
- Autism Research Institute (ARI)

- Autism Consortium
- Organization for Autism Research (OAR)
- HRSA
- CMS
- Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC)

# IACC Decisions

- Public Comment on Draft Plan
- Implementation Work Group
  - Charge
  - Member Organizations